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Fruit Trees, Berry Plants *and* Ornamentals



Spring - 1919

Geo. D. Aiken

Putney, Vermont

READ THIS PAGE BEFORE ORDERING

ORDER EARLY: Owing to the unprecedented scarcity of nursery stock I cannot emphasize too greatly the necessity for ordering early, if you wish to get a good selection of varieties. In normal years we import large quantities of stock from Europe. That source of supply not only has been eliminated, but we in turn are called upon to furnish millions of trees and plants to aid in restoring the European orchards. We are now faced with the shortest supply and greatest demand in years. While all varieties are scarce, the shortage is most pronounced in apples, Jap. plums, peaches, red raspberries, currants and grapes. So if you wish to be sure of the best varieties order at the earliest possible moment.

HOW TO REMIT: Remit by money order, bank draft, registered letter or personal check. Postage stamps accepted for amounts less than one dollar.

DISCOUNT: As an inducement for early orders I will give a discount of **10 per cent** on orders received in February, **5 per cent** on orders received during March, but all prices are **net** after April 1st.

C. O. D. SHIPMENTS: If anyone wishes to take advantage of the discount offered for early orders, but cannot send the entire amount, he may send 25 per cent with the order and the plants will be sent by express C. O. D. at the proper time.

ABOUT SHIPPING: It is advisable to have practically all orders of more than 20 pounds sent by express. For my customers in New York and New England, however, parcel post is likely to prove the cheaper for orders of less than 100 raspberries or 500 strawberries. Add 10 cents for each 25 raspberries or 100 strawberries. If not enough postage is included the plants will be shipped by express collect, as I cannot afford to keep book accounts and mail bills of only a few cents each.

GUARANTEE: I guarantee all plants sold by me to be true to name, and should any prove to be untrue, I will replace same free of charge or refund the money at any time within two years. I also guarantee all plants to be free of crown gall or other injurious diseases.

CERTIFICATE OF NURERY INSPECTION WITH PERMIT TO SHIP Vermont Agricultural Experiment Station

To Whom It May Concern:—

July 30, 1918.

This is to certify that I have this day carefully examined the nurseries and grounds of **Geo. D. Aiken, Putney, Vermont**, and find no evidence of San Jose Scale or other noxious insect or injurious disease likely to be transmitted to nursery stock.

Signed M. B. CUMMINGS, State Nursery Inspector.

WHO ARE MY CUSTOMERS?

Instead of the usual line of testimonials, I am giving you a list of some public institutions that have bought plants of me. Ask them regarding the quality. They will gladly tell you. Here is the list:

New Hampshire State College, Durham, N. H.

Massachusetts Agricultural College, Amherst, Mass.

Vermont State School of Agriculture, Randolph Center, Vt.

New York State School of Agriculture, Canton, N. Y.

Smith Agricultural School, Northampton, Mass.

Maine State Industrial School, South Portland, Me.

Providence County Farm Bureau, Providence, R. I.

The Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, D. C.

ABOUT VARIETIES. I do not list varieties that I know are no good to anyone. I have listed, however, some varieties that succeed only in certain sections and have tried to make that clear in my descriptions. The ones I sell are the leading varieties. Some varieties I have not listed because they differ from those I have in name only. I do not list Early King or Perfection raspberries, as they are both inferior to June. I have on my place many varieties of blackberries, such as Macatawa, Wonder and Watt, but they are not as good as the varieties I do list.

MISTAKES? Yes, I sometimes make mistakes in filling orders, but am always glad to correct them.

Order before March 1 and get 10 per cent discount.

RASPBERRIES

Raspberries are probably the most reliable of all berries to raise. They are pretty sure to mature a good crop and the market is never fully supplied with them. Plant on good, well-drained soil and cultivate often. Fertilize with chemicals. Some wood ashes may be used. As a rule, it will pay best to use manure on some other crops. Avoid planting Cuthbert and Herbert on river banks or in frosty hollows. June and Marlboro are best for these locations. A field of Cuthbert should yield profitably for ten years or more and the early varieties and black-caps are good for about five years.

CUTHBERT. Berries late, very large and finest quality. 75c. per 25; \$2.00 per 100; \$15.00 per 1000.

MARLBORO. Very early, large and productive. As Marlboro and Ruby are practically identical, I am not listing the latter variety. 75c. per 25; \$2.00 per 100; \$13.50 per 1000.

HERBERT. Berries of immense size and best quality; extremely productive. Midseason. 75c. per 25; \$2.50 per 100; \$17.50 per 1000.

IDAHO. Perfectly hardy anywhere, largest red raspberry. Fruit acid, good for jam. Has yielded 5000 quarts per acre with me. Price same as Herbert.

GOLDEN QUEEN. Exactly like Cuthbert except in color. Price same as Herbert.

ST. REGIS. The most widely misrepresented raspberry. It is nice to have in the home garden as it is the earliest of all to ripen. It sometimes bears a good crop in the Fall and nearly every year a small crop, but as a commercial berry it is a failure in New England. From New York City south it is the leading market variety. Perfectly hardy. Price same as Cuthbert.

JUNE. After growing this variety four years, I can frankly say that it is the most profitable variety I have. The plant is very ornamental and absolutely thornless. The immense brilliant red berries ripen about five days in advance of Marlboro, and this quality, with the good flavor and firmness of fruit and immense productivity of the plant, makes it easily the leading red raspberry. The New York Experiment Station at Geneva is to be thanked for originating this variety. \$1.00 per 25; \$3.00 per 100; \$22.50 per 1000.

EMPIRE. Recently introduced. Similar to Syracuse or Twentieth Century. \$2.00 per 10; \$10.00 per 100.

COLUMBIAN. Very popular purple variety. Vigorous and productive. Price same as Herbert.

ROYAL PURPLE. Later than Columbian. Bush erect and vigorous. Berries good quality. Fine for canning. Price same as Herbert.

PLUM FARMER. The leading black raspberry. Very large, sweet and early. 75c. per 25; \$2.25 per 100; \$16.50 per 1000.

CUMBERLAND. Later than Plum Farmer. Very large. Price the same as Plum Farmer.

GREGG. The old standard. Considered by some the sweetest. Price same as Plum Farmer.

BLACKBERRIES

Blackberries have been very profitable in recent years, selling in 1918 for an average of 24c. per quart in New England. Cultural directions same as raspberries.

ELDORADO. Very early; large and sweet; hardy. Sold out.

SNYDER. Most productive blackberry. Good size, fair quality, perfectly hardy; midseason. 75c. per 25; \$2.25 per 100; \$16.50 per 1000.

BLOWERS. The largest blackberry, good quality, late season. Price same as Snyder.

EARLY KING. Very productive, a little later than Snyder. Berries very sweet and without a hard core. Price same as Snyder.

RATHBUN. A hybrid variety. Not of much value in New England, but planted in the South and Middle West. Price same as Snyder.

GOOSEBERRIES

Currants and gooseberries will grow in almost any good soil. They are rank feeders and like a lot of stable manure.

Because of certain restrictions, I cannot ship currants and gooseberries to sections outside of New England, New York and New Jersey.

DOWNING. Most popular gooseberry. Color green, quality good. Fair size. Two-year plants, 20c. each; \$1.50 per 10; \$3.00 per 25.

RED JACKET. Color, pale red; large size. Price same as Downing.

OREGON CHAMPION. Color, yellowish-green. Immensely productive. Sweet. Price same as Downing.

CURRANTS

Price of all currants, except as noted: 15c. each; \$1.25 per 10; \$2.50 per 25; \$9.00 per 100.

RED CROSS. Large, sweet and early.

CHERRY. Fruit large and attractive.

WILDER. Very profitable, bears young; large clusters.

FAY'S PROLIFIC. A very large commercial variety.

WHITE GRAPE. Best white variety.

PERFECTION. The largest and best red currant. 20c. each; \$1.75 per 10; \$4.00 per 25; \$15.00 per 100.

STRAWBERRIES

Plant strawberries on rich soil, preferably soil that has been manured the year before. Keep well cultivated the first season. Mulch in Fall with strawy horse manure. In the Spring rake the manure off the plants, apply 200 pounds Nitrate of Soda per acre, and cultivate at once to kill any weeds. Do not cultivate after blossoming time. If possible, put clean straw between the rows to keep the berries clean. For market, set Dunlap, Superb, Sample, Warfield, Glen Mary. For home use, set Dunlap, Chesapeake, McAlpin, First Quality and Progressive.

SENATOR DUNLAP. An all round variety. Does well anywhere. Anyone can grow it. Early, productive, and good quality. 35c. per 25; 75c. per 100; \$5.50 per 1000.

CHESAPEAKE. A fancy, high quality berry. Makes few runners. 50c. for 25; \$1.00 per 100; \$7.50 per 1000.

McALPIN. Very large light red berry of finest quality. Excellent for home gardens. Late. Price same as Chesapeake.

FIRST QUALITY. A long, sweet, late variety of high quality. Price same as Chesapeake.

SAMPLE. The big commercial berry of New England. Large and uniform. Should be planted with Dunlap or some other perfect flowering variety. Price same as Dunlap.

WARFIELD. Midseason; productive; quality good. Succeeds anywhere. Plant with Dunlap. Price same as Dunlap.

GLEN MARY. One of the heaviest croppers. Berries very large. Season late. Plant with Dunlap or Superb for best results. 35c. per 25; 90c. per 100; \$6.50 per 1000.

EVERBEARING STRAWBERRIES

PROGRESSIVE. This is the variety that made this type of strawberries famous. The plant should be set very early in the Spring to insure success. All blossoms should be picked off till July at least for best results. Plants will begin bearing in August and during September and October a good crop may be depended on if the plants have had a good start. The berries resemble Dunlap and are of fine quality. These same plants will bear the next Summer and Fall, but after that it is best to set a new bed. **Plant Progressive early.** 50c. for 25; \$1.50 per 100; \$10.00 per 1000.

SUPERB. Is much larger than Progressive but does not bear as much in the Fall. Superb is one of the best Summer croppers and is worth planting for this alone. Price same as Progressive.

50 at 100 rates; 500 at 1000 rates.

GRAPES

2 Year No. 1

	Each	10
Concord,	\$.15	\$1.00
Moore's Early (black),	.15	1.25
Worden (midseason black),	.15	1.25
Niagara (white),	.15	1.25
Delaware (red),	.15	1.25
Campbell's Early (black),	.20	1.50
Green Mountain (green),	.25	2.00

ASPARAGUS

	25	100	1000
Giant Argenteuil,	\$.35	\$.90	\$6.50

RHUBARB

	Each	10	100
Linneaus,	\$.10	\$.75	\$5.00

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APPLE TREES

	Each	10	100
2 year 5-7 ft. trees,	\$.50	\$4.00	\$35.00

NOTE: For Northern Vermont and New York, plant Yellow Transparent, Red Astrachan, Duchess, Transcendent, Hyslop, McIntosh, Wolf River, N. W. Greening, Talman Sweet.

Varieties listed in order of ripening: Yellow Transparent, Red Astrachan, Sweet Bough, Duchess, Transcendent Crab, Hyslop Crab, Gravenstein, Porter, Maiden's Blush, Wealthy, Fameuse, Twenty Ounce, Pound Sweet, McIntosh, Wolf River, R. I. Greening, Northwestern Greening, Winter Banana, Baldwin, Talman Sweet, Delicious, Northern Spy, Roxbury Russet.

PEAR TREES

	Each	10	100
2 year 5-7 ft. trees,	\$50	\$4.00	\$35.00

Varieties: Clapp's Favorite, Bartlett, Seckel, Sheldon, Vermont Beauty, Beurre Bosc, Duchess, Lawrence, Anjou.

PLUM TREES

	Each	10	100
2 year 4-6 ft. trees,	\$50	\$4.00	\$35.00

Varieties: Red June, Abundance, Bradshaw, Burbank, Lombard, York State Prune, Shropshire Damson, Green Gage.

PEACH TREES

	Each	10	100
1 year 5-6 ft. trees,	\$40	\$3.00	\$24.00

NOTE:—There is an acute shortage of peach trees and I can offer only the following varieties. Fortunately these are the best varieties: Carman, Early Crawford, Belle of Georgia, Elberta and J. H. Hale.

CHERRY TREES

	Each	10	100
2 year 5-7 ft. trees,	\$50	\$4.00	\$35.00

Varieties: Early Richmond, Montmorency, English Morello, Gov. Wood (sweet), Black Tartarian (sweet).

QUINCE TREES

	Each	10
3-5 feet,	\$35	\$3.00

Varieties: Orange, Champion.

ORNAMENTAL DEPARTMENT

Now that the war is over I urge my customers to plant more shrubs and trees. Plant some new roses, or a hedge of Spirea or Berberis Thunbergii. Plant a "Service Tree" for your soldier. There is a good stock of trees and shrubs in the country. Most of the ornamental nurseries are located near the cities, and their operating cost is very high. I believe my prices are as low as any reliable nursery and lower than most. It is possible for me to this because I bought my land for \$12 per acre and do not have any great overhead expenses. Besides the stock I have listed here I will be glad to quote you on any other varieties you may wish.

ROSES

2 Year No. 1

Variety	Each	10
Crimson Rambler,	\$.25	\$2.25
Dorothy Perkins,	.25	2.25
Dr Van Vleet (blush pink),	.30	2.50
Excelsa (Red Dorothy Perkins),	.25	2.25
Silver Moon (white, stemens yellow),	.25	2.25
White Dorothy Perkins,	.25	2.25
Coquette des Alps (blush white),	.40	3.50
Gen. Jacqueminot (red),	.40	3.50
Mme. Plantier (white),	.40	3.50
Magna Charta (large pink),	.40	3.50
Mrs. John Laing (fragrant pink),	.40	3.50
Persian Yellow,	.40	3.50
Frau Karl Druschki (white),	.50	4.00
Grus an Teplitz (red),	.50	4.00
Pink Killarney,	.50	4.00
White Killarney,	.50	4.00

HARDY SHRUBS

First-class, 2-3 ft. plants, 30c. each; \$2.50 per 10; except as noted.

BUDDLEIA OR BUTTERFLY BUSH. A handsome bush having an annual top and perennial root in the North. From July until November the long spikes of violet flowers are borne in great profusion and are not injured by frost.

DEUTZIA, PRIDE OF ROCHESTER. A hardy shrub, which is completely covered with small, white flowers after the Spirea has gone by.

FORSYTHIA VIRIDISSIMA. A valuable shrub, which bears its clear, yellow flowers in early Spring before the leaves come out. Its handsome green bark makes this shrub ornamental throughout the year.

HYDRANGEA PANICULATA GRANDIFLORA. The old-fashioned hydrangea, which blossoms in late August and September.

HYDRANGEA, ABORESCENS STERILIS. The new snowball hydrangea, which blossoms in July. Very showy and is valuable as a hedge plant.

PHILADELPHUS GRANDIFLORA. A very large-flowered syringa. Blossoms are pure white with yellow center.

PHILADELPHUS CORONARIUS. The old-fashioned sweet-scented syringa.

SPIREA, BRIDAL WREATH. Too well-known to need describing.

SPIREA, VAN HOUTTE. More drooping habit than Bridal Wreath. Excellent in hedges.

JAPANESE FLOWERING QUINCE. An old-fashioned shrub, which bears clear scarlet flowers in May.

JAPAN SNOWBALL. 40c. each.

BERBERIS THUNBERGII. The most popular hedge plant of the North and justly so for the clean green leaves turn to scarlet in the Autumn and the bushes are covered with brilliant red berries throughout the Winter. Plants, 18-24 inches, 20c. each; \$1.50 per 10; \$12.50 per 100.

CALIFORNIA PRIVET. The great hedge plant of the Middle and Southern States. Not entirely hardy in New England. Plants, 2-3 feet, 15c. each; \$1.00 for 10; \$8.00 per 100.

PURPLE LILAC.

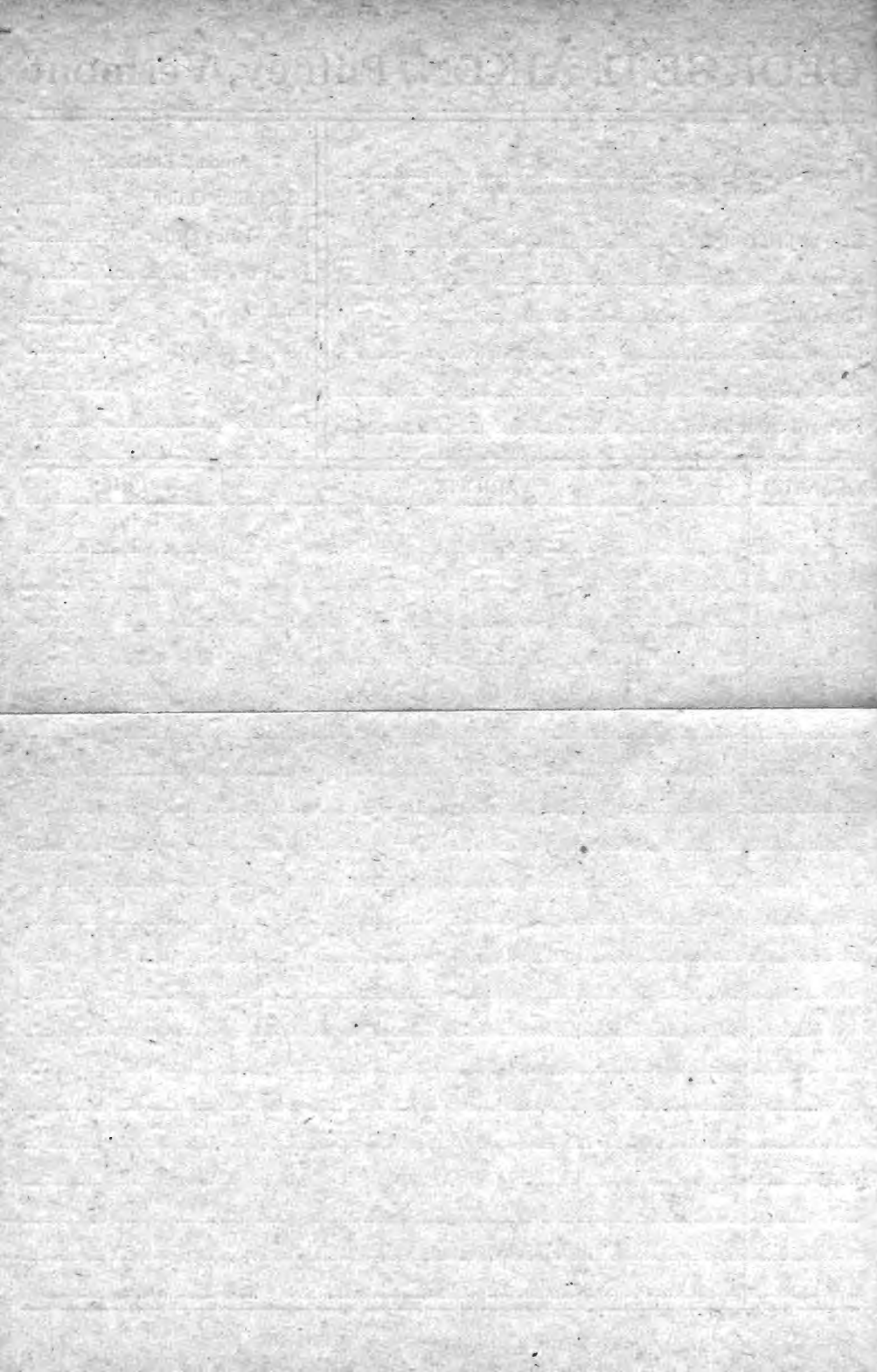
WHITE LILAC.

SHADE AND ORNAMENTAL TREES

		Each	10
Lombardy Poplar,	8-10 ft.	\$.50	\$3.50
Carolina Poplar,	8-10 ft.	.35	3.00
Cut Leaf Weeping Birch,	6- 8 ft.	1.00	8.00
Sugar Maple,	8-10 ft.	.75	6.00
Horse Chestnut,	5- 6 ft.	1.00	7.50
Catalpa Bungei, 6 ft. stems,		1.25	10.00
Bechtels Double Flower- ing Crabapple,	3- 4 ft.	.75	6.00
Weeping Willow,	8-10 ft.	1.00	7.50
American Elm,	8-10 ft.	1.00	7.50

Amount Enclosed:	
Post Office Order	\$.....
Exp. Money Order	\$.....
Draft or Check.....	\$.....
Cash	<u>\$.....</u>
Stamps	\$.....
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CLIMBING VINES

Matrimony Vine,	3-4 ft.	35c. each
Purple Wisteria,	2-3 ft.	35c. each
White Wisteria,	2-3 ft.	35c. each
Dutchman's Pipe,	2-3 ft.	75c. each
Trumpet Vine,	2 yr.	75c. each
Clematis Paniculata,	2 yr.	75c. each

HARDY PERENNIALS

	Each	10
Perennial Larkspur,	\$.20	\$1.50
White Day Lily,	.25	2.00
Yellow Day Lilly,	.25	2.00
Golden Glow,	.10	.75
Iris, Fleur de Lis, mixed,	.15	1.00
Iris, by color,	.20	1.25
Peony, mixed,	.20	1.50
Peony, separate color,	.25	2.00
Hardy Phlox, mixed,	.15	1.00
Hollyhocks, mixed,	.15	1.25
Sweet William, mixed,	.15	1.25
5 at 10 rates; 50 at 100 rates.		

NUMBER OF PLANTS REQUIRED PER ACRE

Kind of plant.	Distance to set.	No. required.
Red Raspberries,	3 x 6 ft.	2400
Black Raspberries,	4 x 7 ft.	1600
Purple Raspberries,	4 x 7 ft.	1600
Blackberries,	4 x 7 ft.	1600
Currants,	4 x 6 ft.	1800
Gooseberries,	4 x 6 ft.	1800
Strawberries,	1½ x 4 ft.	7250
Grapes,	8 x 8 ft.	675

All plants listed will be sold 50 or more of one variety at 100 rates; 500 or more of one variety at 1000 rates.

